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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was fully steady. No trading was reported. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were adequate. Parts and meats trading was light to moderate. Demand was light to good. Offerings were short to adequate. Retail turkey features increased this week with almost 50% of stores promoting turkey. Ground turkey activity improved along with increased weighted average prices when compared to last week.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on full-cut wings and thigh meat, balance was slow. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were short to adequate.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 23, 2007**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	69-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	69-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF FEB 23, 2007	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	70.94	70.20	66.00
CENTRAL REGION	69.50	70.50	65.65
WESTERN REGION	70.13**	69.90**	66.25**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	70.94	70.22	66.00
CENTRAL REGION	69.50	70.50	66.51
WESTERN REGION	70.13**	69.90**	66.25**

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	99-108
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	99-108
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	69- 71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	69- 71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	69- 77

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	110-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	110-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	110-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	110-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	110-125

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of February 26, 2007

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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**PRICED AT TIME OF SALE**

8-16 lbs.	85.93	114,000
16-24 lbs.	86.50	20,000

**PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

8-16 lbs.	--	20,000
16-24 lbs.	--	10,000

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<b>Total Volume:</b>	<b>164,000</b>
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**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 17-Feb-2007 (Preliminary)

	<u>YOUNG</u>			<u>OLD</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>-Thousand Head-</u>	<u>Pct Chg</u>	<u>Avg Live</u>	<u>Banded</u>	<u>Avg</u>	
		<u>Prev wk</u>	<u>wt</u>	<u>-Thousand Head-</u>	<u>Live wt</u>	
North East	668	-11	24.74	(A)	668	24.74
South Atlantic	651	1	34.01	(A)	651	34.01
North Central	2,131	3	32.13	(A)	2,131	32.13
South Central	684	-22	17.79	(A)	684	17.79
West	253	-17	27.35	(A)	253	27.35
U.S. total	4,387(B)	-6	28.78	0	4,387	28.78
To-date						
2007	29,704(B)			23	29,727	
To-date						
2006	28,289(B)			30	28,319	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 16,000; for the current year to date 94,000; for last year to date 128,000.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

January	450,982*
February 1 - 17, 2007	249,128*

To date 2007	700,110*
To date 2006	687,783*

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 17-Feb-2007

W/E 17-Feb-2007	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
	Thousands				
Head	1,907	2,464	16	0	4,387
Avg Wt	16.65	38.18	26.36	0.00	28.78
Last week	2,149	2,491	12	7	4,659
Same wk yr ago	1,417	2,546	9	1	3,973
Avg Wt	17.52	38.87	27.67	49.75	31.23
To-date/2007	12,321	17,289	94	23	29,727
To-date/2006	10,965	17,196	128	30	28,319

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS** INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 22 FEBRUARY 2007.

The market tone on tom drums was steady to firm, tom full-cut wings mostly steady, tom 2-joint wings steady at best and tom necks steady to instances barely steady. Demand moderate to good on tom drums, moderate on tom full-cut wings, light to moderate on tom necks and light on tom 2-joint wings. Offerings of tom drums short to light, tom full-cut wings light to adequate, tom 2-joint wings mixed, and tom necks adequate to instances ample. The market tone on fresh thigh meat was steady to fully steady, frozen steady to instances barely steady. Demand moderate on fresh thigh meat, light at best on frozen. Some have noted a slowing of interest on frozen thigh meat into export channels due in part to Lent. Offerings of fresh thigh meat light, frozen uneven ranging from light to fully adequate. Some also note continued slow interest from Asia due to extended New Year's holidays. Trading was active on fresh tom breast meat for domestic shipments, moderate on tom full-cut wings for export, balance slow. For domestic: hearts and livers 17 pet food, fresh wing meat 79-81 mostly 79, fresh scapula 82.50, fresh breast trim 82-88, fresh yearling hen breast meat 180 cents delivered. For export: tom necks 23.50, Russian frozen thigh meat 104 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/ W T	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	116.00	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		T	125.00	2
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	48.00		48.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	47.00-49.00		48.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	35.00		35.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	28.00		28.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	40.00		40.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	46.00-52.00		48.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	69.00-71.00		70.60	100
NECKS, TOM	29.00		29.00	40
NECKS, HEN		T	28.00	8
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	180.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	178.00-187.00		183.07	600
THIGH MEAT		T	90.00	20
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	96.00		96.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	76.67	120
SCAPULAMEAT		T	77.41	58
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	180.00		180.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	179.00-183.00		180.89	90
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	77.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	16.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	23.00-28.00		24.75	160
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	46.00-50.00		48.29	140
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	28.00-29.00		28.15	264
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	27.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	17.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	89.50-91.00		90.25	80

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS**, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 23 FEBRUARY 2007.

The market tone on white meat was steady to firm, strongest for prompt shipments. Demand moderate to good on fresh and frozen white meat. Some interest noted on frozen tom breast meat for summer storage programs. Offerings short to adequate. The market tone on rib breasts was mostly steady for the light to moderate buyer interest. Offerings short to adequate. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey (MST) was steady to firm with fresh strongest. Demand on fresh MST was moderate to good, frozen light to instances moderate. Offerings short to light and held with confidence. Trading heavy on open priced fresh tom drums for March export shipments, balance light to moderate. For domestic: tails 29, fresh scapula 80-87 mostly 85, fresh breast trim 82, Grade A non-basted breasts - 8-10 lb. 125-130, 12-14 lb. 187-190, 14-16 lb. 190, plant grade non-basted 12-14 lb. breasts 180, plant grade basted 20-24 lb. breasts 185, For export: hen drums 36.50, frozen thigh trim 41 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
					PRICE	
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	116.00	400	118.95	810
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		T	125.00	2	125.00	2
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	46.00-50.00		47.14	49	48.69	194
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	47.00-49.00		48.17	240	47.10	580
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	35.00		35.00	8	36.03	78
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	27.00-29.00		28.08	311	28.22	725
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	41.00		41.00	3	40.74	99
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	50.00		50.00	22	49.72	142
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	70.60	100	70.60	100
NECKS, TOM	25.00-27.00		25.94	162	27.17	526
NECKS, HEN	27.00		27.00	2	27.80	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	180.00	80		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	188.00-192.00		189.33	240	184.33	1005
THIGH MEAT	90.00-91.00		90.57	14	90.24	34
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	95.00-96.00		95.57	65	95.64	137
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	76.67	120	76.67	120
SCAPULAMEAT	78.00-80.00		79.33	60	78.39	118
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	184.00		184.00	80	182.31	128
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	77.00	120	77.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	180.00-183.00		181.62	37	181.27	157
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	16.00	80	16.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	21.00-25.00		22.90	331	22.73	965
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	48.29	140	46.92	260
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	28.00		28.00	108	28.17	528
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		W	27.00	104	27.14	144
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	17.00	40	17.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	90.00		90.00	104	90.09	224

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